

Gahanna Major Summer Events Guide

Creekside Blues & Jazz Fest

Gahanna's Largest Event - The Jewel in Gahanna's Civic Event Crown

Fri., June 18th (7pm-11pm.) Sat., June 19th (11am-11pm) Sun., June 20th (11am-7pm)



Location: Creekside Park, Olde Gahanna (Mill St. & Granville St.)

Description: 2004 marks the 6th year for what SNP News called the "Jewel in Gahanna's Civic Event Crown" - the Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival. Started in 1998 as a dedication celebration for the new Creekside Park area and the beginning of Olde Gahanna's revitalization efforts, this one day festival has grown to a full weekend of fun for over 40,000 people. The festival is now the showplace for over 50 of the best in Central Ohio's blues and jazz musicians - highlighted with two nationally known musicians on Saturday night. Creekside Island and Olde Gahanna shine with nearly 100 quality artisans and crafters, family-oriented games and activities, local entertainment, and, of course, great food. Gahanna's premier summer event tops it off with carnival rides all weekend, hot air balloons on Friday & Saturday, and over 80 classic cars on Sunday. Organized by the City of Gahanna and Gahanna Events, Inc.

www.gahanna.gov/Creekside

Freedom Festival

Saturday, July 3rd

Location: Olde Gahanna/Gahanna Municipal Golf Course 220 Olde Ridenour Road

Description: Celebrate our nation's independence with family-friendly festivities that include a parade, a 5K run, local and regional entertainment, and a glorious fireworks display. This celebration of our Nation's Freedom is a Star Spangled Day, fun-filled and action-packed for all ages! The day kicks off with an 8:00 a.m. 5K Run/Walk through downtown Gahanna where close to 200 runners and walkers participate. After the race, the Gahanna Lions Parade steps off down Granville Street and attracts crowds of 15,000 people. At 4:00 p.m., the Family Fun Festival kicks off with games and prizes, inflatable games, activities, and music appropriate for all age groups. The Ju Ju Bee's Rhythm Review concert will rock the main stage and the crowd of 15,000 at 8:00 p.m. A Spectacular sky lit fireworks display at 10 p.m. with more than 350 shells illuminating the Gahanna Golf Course, site of the 2004 Freedom Festival. Organized by the City of Gahanna and Gahanna Events, Inc. www.gahanna.gov/freedom



Mill Street Blues

Every second Saturday of each month from 6-10 p.m.

Summer Dates: June 12, July 10, August 14, & September 11

Location: Olde Gahanna along Mill Street

Description: A Memphis-Style Blues Hop in Olde Gahanna. About a dozen shops and restaurants in Olde Gahanna along Mill & Granville Streets stay open late and feature different blues performers in each shop. Blues fans can "hop" along Mill Street, shop, and dine with live blues music in the air. Organized by the Creekside Blues Society. www.creekblues.com

Gahanna Teen Fest

July 3, 2004 starting at 4 p.m.

Location: Creekside Park

Description: Teen music and art festival with area teen bands, vendors, and activities at Creekside Park in Gahanna. Organized by Gahanna residents and teens with assistance from the City of Gahanna.

Summer in the Park Entertainment Series at Creekside Park

Every Friday night during the summer at Creekside Park at 7 p.m.

Location: Creekside Park, Gahanna

Description: Come to Creekside Park and listen to free Friday night concerts at the waterfall performance area. You can stroll the park, rent a paddleboat, or just bring your lawn chair to enjoy some great music. Organized by the City of Gahanna

Arnett Howard	Friday May 28	Jazz/Soul
Bill Foley	Friday, June 4	Classics/Easy Listening
Deighton Charlemagne	Friday, June 11	Steel Drums
Creekside Festival	June 18 - 20	Blues and Jazz
Jon and Celeste	Friday, June 25	Children's Performers
Freedom Festival	Saturday, July 2	Family Entertainment
HatTrick	Friday, July 9	Classic Rock
Maggie Green	Friday, July 16	Jazz Duo
Across the Sky	Saturday, July 17	Christian Music
Folkwood Players	Friday, July 23	Celtic folk
Calypso Gypsies	Saturday, July 24	Island Music
Eric Dove	Friday, July 30	Rock to country
Trombones Plus	Friday, August 6	Big Band
Gahanna Community	Fridays, August 13 - 27	Murder in the Park Theatre

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